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Japanese Jitters Shake Wall Street New York Stocks Fall 62 Points After Tokyo Plunge

By Lawrence Malkin
International Herald Tribune

NEW YORK — The sharp, persistent fall of the Tokyo stock market finally got to Wall Street on Tuesday, as the clouds over the Japanese economy crystallized investors' doubts about whether the U.S. market had risen too far in months of steady growth.

The latest, 3.5 percent dive in the Nikkei index, led overnight by bank stocks, took a while to sink in here, but during the final hour or so of trading it helped send the Dow Jones industrial average down more than 60 points.

The market's blue-chip barometer closed at 3,213.55, down 61.94 points, or 1.9 percent on the day. On the Nasdaq, stocks tumbled 2.5 percent to 352 points, the biggest drop of the year for the speculative over-the-counter market.

"There is great cause for concern about Japan," said Cummins Catherwood, managing director of Rutherford Brown & Catherwood. "Everyone is apprehensive."

What is beginning to sink in with fund managers and institutional investors, said Hugh Johnson of First Albany Securities, is the effect that the squeeze on Japan's banks will have on the world economy.

"Japanese banks must ease their loan portfolio because their capital stock has declined 40 percent with the market," he said. "These banks have been huge suppliers of capital in recent years, and this was used for global expansion."

"Now they will be out of the world market, which means a credit contraction everywhere."

David H. Resler of Nomura Securities in New York said: "What happened today is that the U.S. stock market seems to have woken up to what it slept through during the past few months. It ignored the rise in interest rates, but much more important, it failed to see that the rest of the world is going through a global growth recession, and that what the United States now will be joined by rest of the world in what we've been going through for the past three years."

Trude Latimer, chief market strategist for Josephthal, Lyon & Ross, stressed the domestic component of the decline Tuesday in New York. Oil stocks started the parade down from last week's highs, she said, and then unstable airline stocks hit an air pocket when Northwest Airlines announced the start of a vacation fare war that is bound to cut into profits expected for the wounded industry.

Analysts stressed that the market decline was not led by the Japanese themselves selling stocks — at least not more than anyone else. The New York outposts of the big Japanese finance houses had no evidence of heavy Japanese sell orders. In European markets, sentiment also was darkened by the fall in Tokyo.

Steven Brill of the *International Herald Tribune* reported earlier from Tokyo:

Following the Nikkei average's plunge, which brought it below 18,000 for the first time in nearly six years, analysts were

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Anti-Yeltsin protesters waving Soviet banners as they try to harass deputies in Moscow on Tuesday.

Ukrainians And Russians Go to Brink Over Fleet

Fate of Commonwealth Hinges on Struggle for Black Sea Jurisdiction

By Michael Dobbs
Washington Post Service

MOSCOW — Russia and Ukraine both claimed jurisdiction over the disputed Black Sea Fleet on Tuesday, heightening a dispute that threatens the cohesion and even the survival of the Commonwealth of Independent States.

President Boris N. Yeltsin, signing a decree taking control of the fleet, said that Russia would push ahead with plans to form its own armed forces, which could number up to 1.5 million men.

The move was a response to an announcement by Ukraine on Monday that it had assumed formal legal authority over all nuclear and conventional forces on its territory, including the fleet.

While sharp differences have emerged over Mr. Yeltsin's political and economic policies at the Congress of Peoples' Deputies session, an overwhelming majority of deputies in the parliament are prepared to back the president in his showdown with Ukraine.

Warm applause greeted an announcement by the Commonwealth commander in chief, Marshal Yevgeni I. Shaposhnikov, that Mr. Yeltsin had issued a decree formally asserting Russian jurisdiction over the Black Sea Fleet, the largest warm-water navy unit of the former Soviet Union.

Mr. Yeltsin's decree was couched in similar terms to a decree published Monday night in Kiev in which President Leonid M. Kravchuk of Ukraine claimed formal legal authority over strategic forces on Ukrainian territory, including the Black Sea naval units. Both decrees left the door open to negotiations that would leave part of the fleet under Commonwealth control.

In a keynote speech, Mr. Yeltsin told a session of the full Russian parliament, or Congress of Peoples' Deputies: "Russia delayed its decision to create its own army, hoping until the last moment to preserve the united armed forces of the Commonwealth. But we did not succeed in this."

The confrontation over the 300-ship fleet, based at the Ukrainian port of Sebastopol, came amid moves by Ukraine to assert control over nuclear weapons on its territory.

Mr. Yeltsin also called on the deputies to agree to a new constitution that would create a strong presidential system in order to guarantee "Russia's integrity and the irreversibility of reforms."

Aware that there is strong opposition among legislators to the strengthening of presidential authority, he said that the people should have the "final say" on the issue via a referendum.

Although both Mr. Kravchuk and Mr. Yeltsin have made emotional statements about the Black Sea Fleet over the past three months, this was the first time that they have taken legal action to press their claim. It therefore marks a significant brightening in the war of nerves between Moscow and Kiev, while only further confusing the status of the fleet.

Reports from Sebastopol suggest that most of the senior commanders of the fleet are loyal to Moscow, but many junior officers and sailors are ready to swear an oath of allegiance to Ukraine in the belief that such a step will leave them materially better off. The Ukrainian authorities control all land routes to Sebastopol, which lies at the southern tip of the Crimean Peninsula jutting into the Black Sea, and has a major say in the distribution of housing.

Russian commentators predicted that Ukrainian moves to assert control over the fleet could

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Peru's President Tightens His Grip

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

LIMA — Peruvian soldiers rounded up more opposition politicians on Tuesday as the United States suspended aid following President Alberto Fujimori's military-backed clampdown on dissent and democracy.

Troops concentrated on arresting followers of the well-organized and militant American Popular Revolutionary Alliance, or APRA, whose leader, former President Alan Garcia, is reportedly hiding in the Venezuelan Embassy. The embassy denied the report.

The Bush administration ordered the suspension of \$320 million in economic and military aid to Peru. "We're suspending it," a U.S. official said Tuesday. "The only aid that will continue to flow is humanitarian aid."

Mr. Fujimori started the crackdown on Sunday by dissolving the National Congress, suspending the constitution, imposing censorship and arresting journalists and politicians. Legislators who tried to organize against him Monday were kept from entering Congress by soldiers using tear gas. The president said he acted to give himself a freer hand to stimulate the economy, battle drug traffickers and defeat the Shining Path, a guerrilla group.

Diplomatic sources said a plebiscite on the changes that Mr. Fujimori planned in his "government of national reconstruction" would be held within six weeks. They also said that Foreign Minister Augusto Blaser had told European Community members that the vote would be followed within six to nine months by a constitutional referendum.

That referendum would then be followed by general elections, the sources added, but they said it was unclear whether Mr. Fujimori, who was voted into power in 1990, would include himself in the general election.

The Organization of American States condemned Mr. Fujimori's crackdown as a threat to democracy in the region. The permanent council of the 34-nation group said it was calling an emergency foreign ministers' meeting to decide on a response.

As international protest mounted, Prime Minister Felipe Gonzalez of Spain said Tuesday that Madrid would consider suspending economic aid to Peru if democracy was not restored quickly.

"It will be very difficult to meet our economic commitment, excluding humanitarian aid, if the situation continues," he said.

Mr. Fujimori was offered \$162 million by Spain in soft loans to finance infrastructure and economic projects in Peru in October. Germany also said it was reviewing its financial aid, and sources said a visit by Mr. Fujimori, planned for May, would very likely be canceled.

Japan on Tuesday urged Mr. Fujimori, who is the son of Japanese immigrants, to

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Baghdad Agrees To Destroy Sites For Atom Arms U.S. Recognizes Independence of 3 Yugoslav Republics

To Destroy Sites For Atom Arms

New York Times Service

VIENNA — Iraq told a UN inspection team Tuesday that it would begin on Wednesday to destroy what the United Nations says is the technical heart of the Iraqi nuclear weapons program at Al Ather, an official at the International Atomic Energy Agency said.

"They told us they would comply, but certainly they are not happy about it," said Maurizio Zifferero, who heads a team responsible for investigating Iraq's nuclear program.

[Western officials maintained a strong degree of skepticism about the Iraqi position. British and French officials at the UN suggested that Baghdad's credibility would be judged only when it is confirmed that they have carried out its responsibilities.]

[In Washington, a State Department official took a similar view, saying: "That is what they're required to do. Seeing is believing."]

Following the revelation last year that Iraq was working clandestinely to develop nuclear weapons in violation of agreements, Baghdad was ordered by the UN to destroy the weapons. Iraq had resisted destruction of the Al Ather facility, about 30 kilometers (about 20 miles) southwest of Baghdad, saying it was a civilian research center, but it was not believed.

"Al Ather was our priority target because of the danger of them resuming at an early stage the weapons production," Mr. Zifferero said.

At a meeting after the arrival in Baghdad of the agency inspectors, Iraq first proposed destroying the bunker-like buildings that face demolition by filling them with cement. But inspectors insisted that they be demolished either by blasting or bulldozing them.

Iraq finally agreed and presented a 10-day plan for their destruction by army engineers. Mr. Zifferero said, adding that the time frame was "optimistic." Agency inspectors are scheduled to stay in Iraq for 10 days and will oversee the destruction, he said.

The huge Al Ather facility, which was barely grazed by allied bombings during the Gulf War, consists of more than 100 buildings worth several hundred million dollars, agency officials say. The agency demands the demolition of 6 to 10 buildings, which it says were used for testing explosive charges that could have been used in detonating a nuclear weapon.

U.S. Recognizes Independence of 3 Yugoslav Republics

By David Binder
New York Times Service

WASHINGTON — The United States recognized the independence of three secessionist republics of Yugoslavia on Tuesday.

President George Bush said in a statement issued by the White House that he would move immediately to establish diplomatic relations with Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia and Slovenia.

[After the U.S. announcement, the United Nations Security Council approved full deployment as soon as possible of 14,000 peacekeepers to Yugoslavia. The Associated Press reported from New York.]

The declaration came nine months after civil war broke out in Yugoslavia, smashing the multinational federation of six republics formed under Communist rule at the end of World War II.

The administration action followed by one day the European Community's recognition of Bosnia-Herzegovina and was designed to bring United States policy into line with the Yugoslavia policy of the 12-member group. The EC recognized Croatia and Slovenia in January. The United States held back then because it wanted to take as even-handed approach as possible to the remnants of the former Yugoslav federation.

The statement issued by the White House said the United States would also "work intensively" with the EC toward concurrent recognition of a fourth republic, Macedonia, which has been delayed by objections of Greece. Joint



ARAZPS FROLIC — The Kentucky Derby favorite, Araz, ridden by Steve Canten, en route to a five-length victory Tuesday in his 1992 debut. Page 17.

Ireland Plans Abortion Referendum

DUBLIN (Reuters) — Ireland is to hold a referendum on abortion because its European Community partners refused to amend a special Irish protocol on abortion in the new Treaty on European Union, the government announced Tuesday.

The referendum will focus on the right of Irish women to travel abroad for an abortion and also on their right to have access to information and counseling in Ireland, where the operation is banned. The EC granted Ireland a protocol in the new treaty saying that nothing in it affected the application of its constitutional ban on abortion.

2 From The New York Times Are Awarded Pulitzer Prizes

Howell Raines and Anna Quindlen of The New York Times were among the winners of the 1992 Pulitzer prizes, which were awarded on Tuesday.

The international reporting prize went to Patrick J. Sloyan of Newsday for reporting on the Gulf War.

The Pulitzer Prize for fiction went to Jane Smiley for the novel "A Thousand Acres," a retelling of the King Lear story set in a U.S. farm state. (Page 2)

Election Day in N.Y.

The candidates came to New York, but voters seemed to be apathetic about Tuesday's presidential primary. Many citizens said they saw no reason to vote, and many local officials and party activists were turning up their noses at the available choices.

They said the candidates were not talking about their concerns — not just the remaining Democratic contenders. Governor Bill Clinton of Arkansas and the former California governor, Edmund G. (Jerry) Brown Jr., but President George Bush as well. (Page 3)

In the Great Cellular Phone Clone Scam, the Ring Is Finally Cut Off

By Anthony Ramirez
New York Times Service

NEW YORK — Guns drawn, Secret Service agents and local police officers kicked down the door of an apartment in a Phoenix suburb in January and plunged straight into the biggest case of telephone fraud ever.

Half a world away, Palestinians in the Israeli-occupied territories were making long-distance calls to other Middle Eastern countries. And unsuspecting cellular phone subscribers in Arizona were footing the bill.

Law enforcement authorities said they had broken up an elaborate scheme to skirt an Arab boycott of calls from Israel by funneling phone transmissions through Arizona. In the raid, and a related one in Phoenix, they seized 35 cellular phones, 10,000 microchips and notebooks filled with electronic codes that could allow high-tech bandits to pose as legitimate customers.

Handcuffed and sitting on a couch, one of the five men from the Middle East arrested that day said, "This looks bad, doesn't it?"

The Phoenix raid provided evidence that as telecommunications becomes more sophisticated, so does telecommunications fraud. Cellular telephones, which transmit calls with radio signals, are especially vulnerable.

No one knows exactly how much is lost to theft of cellular service, partly because the fraud, at least on a small scale, is hard to distinguish from unpaid cellular phone bills. Most estimates seem to be educated guesses.

The Guidry Group, a Houston private investigation firm specializing in cellular fraud cases, says \$1 million a day might be a reasonable figure — a number that would represent about 6 percent of the \$15.6 billion of cellular calls made in the United States each day.

Law enforcement officials say the Phoenix suspects were "cloning" phones. Using a device, about the size of a child's lunch box, that can be bought by mail and powered by an automobile's cigarette lighter, criminals can phuck cellular identities out of the air.

The well-equipped bandit can do so by driving up behind a car stopped at a red light, or simply aiming the device from a freeway overpass and harvesting the identification codes as cars rush underneath. The codes are then programmed into cellular telephones, and the bills go to the ambushed customers.

Theft of services has risen sharply in the last year as criminals have discovered cellular phones as one way of eluding court-sanctioned wiretaps of conventional phones.

Although it is relatively easy for the police, the FBI and anyone else with the right equipment to eavesdrop on cellular calls, cellular bandits can keep switching to another cloned phone and stay one step ahead of the sheriff.

"Cloning is the ultimate crime against the cellular telephone customer," said Eric W. Hill, director of industry security for the Cellular Telecommunications Industry Association, a trade group in Washington. "You have become that customer and can make any call you want anywhere in the world."

Solutions may be near, as cellular companies modernize their equipment and increase their cooperation, and vendors tighten restrictions on who can buy the electronics that makes some of the fraud possible.

In the Phoenix case, the clients were Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, who were prevented by the Arab boycott from call-

ing friends and relatives elsewhere in the Middle East. Late last month Israel lifted its electronic blockade of phone calls to these other countries, but since then many Arab countries said they would continue to block calls from Israel. A spokeswoman for the Israeli Embassy in Washington said she did not believe there was a connection between the Israeli action and the Phoenix case.

For the time being, the Middle Eastern market for phone service within the region remains lucrative, even at charges 80 times those of normal American costs, or \$16 a minute for time that can cost as little as 20 cents.

The Phoenix suspects may have relayed at least 57,000 calls in 19 days through Arizona and elsewhere, said the Secret Service, which has jurisdiction over telecommunications fraud.

"There are far too many parties in this country," Mr. Bossi said. "No one can govern like this."

With almost 9 percent of the vote nationwide and a dominant position in the wealthy north, the League could become a kingmaker, but many analysts doubt the political experience of the upstart party that lured voters with calls for a federal Italy and an end to sponsorship of the poorer south from northern states.

"If they ask us to enter the government, we are ready," Mr. Bossi said, "but they have to accept federation. Otherwise our votes remain frozen."

The condition left little room for cooperation with the Christian Democrats, whose electoral power base is in the south and which opposes the union of dismemberment.

The voting left the ruling coalition of Christian Democrats, Socialists, Social Democrats

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ITALY: A Post-Vote Stalemate

(Continued from page 1) Under a complex system of proportional representation, that yielded a lead for majority of parliamentary seats. But most political leaders said the 15-seat margin in the 630-seat Chamber of Deputies was too slender to withstand the buffeting of fractious Italian politics. "We do not feel legitimized to come up with a government proposal," said a spokesman for the Socialists, who had reached a pre-election deal with Mr. Andreotti to form a government if they secured a working majority. "The leader of the Christian Democrats, Arnaldo Forlani, said he was ready to resign. The party's newspaper, Il Popolo, conceded that while the Christian Democrats — still the biggest party with 29.8 percent of the vote — remained "the only point of sure reference," the election had left "governability at risk."

Moreover, the result highlighted rifts among Christian Democrats, with the party's younger figures demanding changes. "Italy is no longer willing to accept its old ruling class and its misguided policies," a senior party dissident said. Under the electoral rules, Mr.

Fatal Texas Gas Explosion

BRENTHAM, Texas — A natural gas pipeline running through an underground salt dome exploded Tuesday morning, killing at least one person and injuring 16, officials said. The explosion occurred in southwestern Washington County, about 7 miles south of Brentham.

Armenia-China Ties Set Up

BEIJING — China and Armenia have established diplomatic relations.

Pravda, Out of 'Handcuffs,' Revives Its Old Loves and Hates

By Fred Hiatt

MOSCOW — Pravda, the stalwart voice of the Soviet Communist Party, defiantly returned to the political fray Tuesday, publishing after a three-week absence — three bumbling weeks, as the newspaper itself reported, "in the handcuffs of the market."

hands and intellects create the people's wealth!" And in case there was any doubt, there, on the masthead next to the giant, tibiely-linked "PRAVDA" — the name means "truth" — were the newspaper's Orders of Lenin, restored after an absence of some seven months.

"Three weeks ago, when the newspaper did not come out, we did not yet know how long our forced parting would last," the newspaper said in a boldface statement above its masthead. "But both you and we knew that we would never be able to live without each other. Millions of people need the word of truth, just as they need air, and the freedom to breathe."

newspapers published here, its economic problems are hardly distinctive. Virtually every newspaper is operating at a loss and finds itself at the mercy of the government for credits and access to newsprint, to the disquiet of many editors.

Losers in Italy: Party of Love

Agence France-Press

ROME — Parliament will be without the porm star Ciriocliolina and the leader of the Party of Love, both of whom failed to win seats in this year's general elections.

Another fringe candidate, a magician named Ornela who campaigned for the opening of brothels in Naples on a Europa 2000 ticket, scored 0.2 percent.

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reinstated democratic rule and threatened to review its economic aid.

The U.S. aid that has been suspended includes \$45 million never dispensed during the 1991 fiscal year and \$275 million for the current budget year. Much of it was earmarked for fighting drug-trafficking.

FLEET: Now, Dual Jurisdiction?

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rekindle Russian claims to the Crimea. Vice President Alexander V. Rutskoi, who presents himself as a superpatriot, told reporters that the parliament should look into the legality of the Crimea's transfer to Ukraine in 1954 at the instigation of the former leader, Nikita S. Khrushchev.

The Ukrainian parliament is to meet Wednesday in closed session to discuss the fleet dispute and consider ways of ensuring Ukrainian control over the 176 long-range nuclear weapons on Ukrainian territory.



Bosnian irregulars guarding a barricade on Tuesday close to the parliament in Sarajevo. Sporadic fighting was reported in the capital of Bosnia-Herzegovina as well as in some key provincial towns.

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ation battle zones, as well as initiating negotiations among the warring parties continuing under EC auspices.

The administration said that in recognizing the three republics that have been the scenes of the fiercest battles of the civil war, the United States "accepts the precise republic borders as the legitimate international borders of Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia and Slovenia."

Defiant Triple Killer Is Executed in Arizona

The Associated Press

FLORENCE, Arizona — A triple murderer — making an obscene gesture as his final statement — has been put to death in the gas chamber in Arizona's first execution in 29 years.

The Bush statement said that as a result of U.S. recognition, the administration would lift sanctions against Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Macedonia and Slovenia. The sanctions, involving both economic aid and trade benefits, were applied to the entirety of Yugoslavia in December.

An Antidote to Graffiti Is at Hand

New Protective Coating Said to Be 100% Stick-Proof

By Malcolm W. Browne

New York Times Service

SAN FRANCISCO — Chemists report that there is new hope for winning the battle against graffiti that have proliferated on walls around the world since the invention of spray paints and marking pens.

"Water won't wet it, or acetone, or methyl ethyl ketone, or anything else we've tried," Mr. Schmidt said. Used to coat cars, the anti-stick compound would prevent grime, dead insects and everything else from adhering to the surface.

Advertisement for MCI (Money Card International) featuring large text: 'NOW WHEN YOU'RE OVERSEAS, YOU CAN TAKE YOUR FRIENDS & FAMILY IN YOUR WALLET.' The ad includes an image of an MCI card and details about the card's benefits, such as carrying friends and family, and providing a monthly statement with an itemized list of all your calls.

Vertical text on the right edge of the page, including 'NEW YORK FASH...', 'Merriam...', 'The Hipp...', 'New Line...', and 'TO SA... TO THE... HERE'S... STA...'.

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Backward in Peru

Latin Americans call it an autogolpe, a self-coup. On Sunday, President Alberto Fujimori dissolved Peru's National Congress...

Protect Abortion Rights

Expecting the Supreme Court to limit or reverse Roe v. Wade this term, and unwilling yet to mount a state-by-state effort...

Upside-Down Alien Policy

Foreigners seeking political asylum who arrive in the United States without proper papers are detained without a hearing...

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Mandela in a Greek Tragedy: To the political burdens already on the shoulders of Nelson Mandela, president of the African National Congress...

Rumblings in Latin America

The coup by the Peruvian armed forces, supported by the democratically elected government of President Alberto Fujimori...

Community, of Course, Can Be Expensive

By Giles Merritt

BRUSSELS — Is the Treaty of Maastricht starting to unravel? The upper reaches of European Community officials don't worry...

Elsewhere the outlook appears similarly bleak. In Denmark and Ireland the treaty must first face a national referendum in a climate of dwindling public enthusiasm for the Community...

A Warning Shot for Kohl and Two Flailing Parties

By Jochen Thies

BONN — The outcome of two state elections in Germany, one in the southwest, the other in the north, represents not a catastrophe for the German political system...

the far-rightists represented protests against the established parties, not support for the neofascist ideologies of the Republican Party or even worse, the German People's Union.

The ANC Has an Opportunity to Save South Africa

By Robert H. Phinny

PALMS SPRINGS, California — With its anti-apartheid referendum out of the way, South Africa can now move faster toward the drafting of a new constitution.

the Azanian People's Liberation Army. The PAC disagrees with the ANC on most major issues. The fears of the white right have not been taken into account.

The Foundations of the Partnership Are Shifting

By Robert M. Orr Jr.

TOKYO — The demise of the Soviet Union and Japan's ongoing conflict with America have gone the Japanese reassessing important aspects of their postwar relationship with the United States.

was content to be an unequal partner permitted to grow economically. This hierarchical mind-set has tended to apply to Japan's other external relationships as well.

Tokyo Banking Reform Would Help

WASHINGTON — The promise of financial liberalization in Japan provides an opportunity to reduce economic friction with the United States.

1892: A Moving Wall

BRUSSELS — The Independence of Belgium, commenting on the anti-Chinese law passed by the United States House of Representatives...

1917: Germans Arrested

WASHINGTON — The Department of Justice, in conjunction with the military departments, has completed arrangements for the arrest in mass of all pro-Germans or German agents...

No, It Isn't Impossible To Govern

By A. M. Rosenthal

NEW YORK — If you have heard it once, you have heard it a dozen times: It is getting impossible to govern anymore.

Politicians have to say so much often during a campaign that sometimes it is better to give most families a decently quick burial.

He knows that if the United States were not governable he could not be making use of characteristics that are possible only in a fully governable and governed country.

But that is a world away from the destructive myth that somehow "you can't govern anymore" — a whole world of constitutional political responsibility, history, democratic structures and American life-giving nation-building confidence.

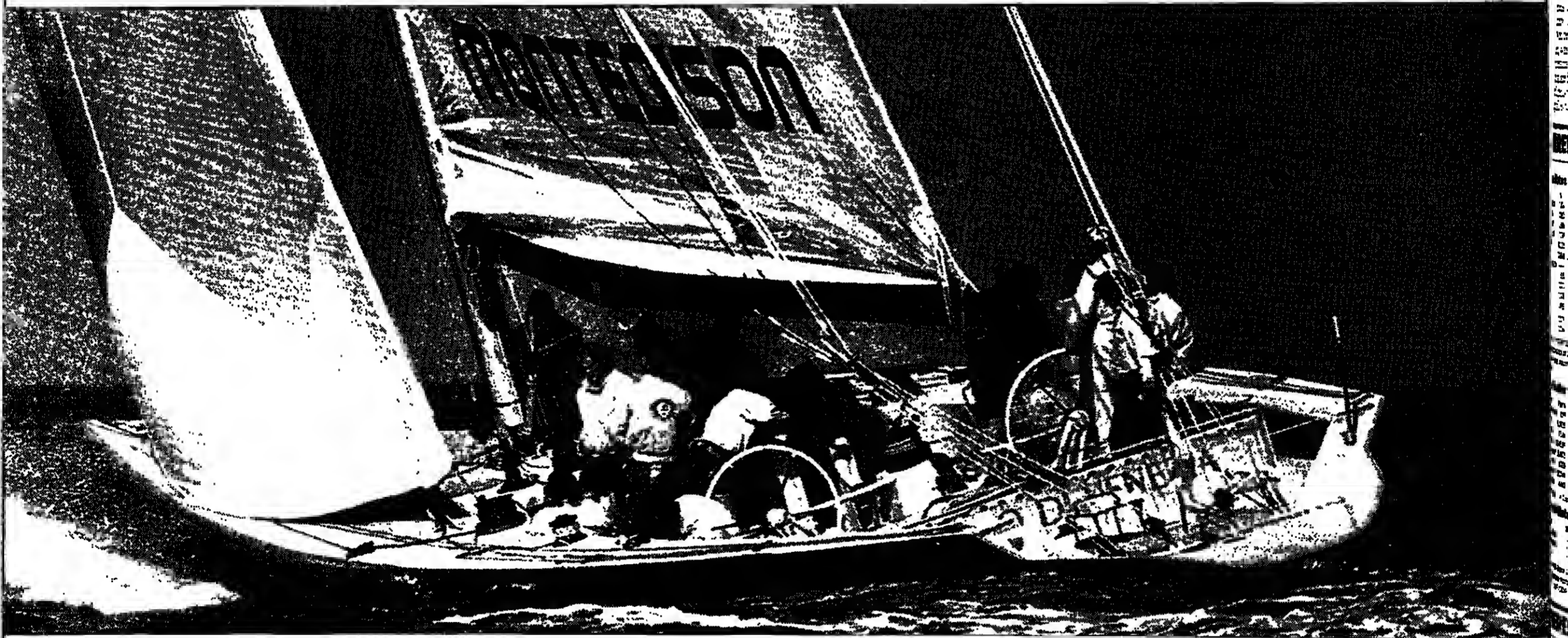
1942: Navy to Open Up

WASHINGTON — [From our New York edition] Negro volunteers will soon be accepted for enlistment in the reserve components of the Navy, Marine Corps and the Coast Guard.

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Yesterday's Prices
NASDAQ prices as of 4 p.m. New York time. This list compiled by the AP, consists of the 1,000 most traded securities in terms of dollar value. It is updated twice a year.

Table of NASDAQ securities prices including columns for ticker symbol, company name, and price.

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Next Swings to Profit: £12.3 Million for Year

Next PLC, the British retailer and mail-order concern, on Tuesday showed that a wide-ranging retrenchment of its business was working as it swung back into profit in 1991-92 after a hefty loss a year earlier.
The company posted a £12.3 million (\$21.5 million) pretax profit for the year ended Jan. 31, compared with a year-earlier loss of £40.7 million, including £33.5 million in exceptional charges. Next avoided exceptional charges in 1991-92.
Net profit was £11.4 million, compared with a loss of £50.0 million in 1990-91. The leaner group also reported a sharp drop in sales to £462.0 million from £577.9 million a year earlier.
Next had failed to make a 1991-92 interim payment, but on Tuesday it proposed a final dividend of 0.75 pence a share. The retailer forecast that it would pay an interim and final dividend in the current year, and its stock gained 5 pence to close at 71 pence a share.
"The main point for the shares is that the Next brand name has managed to survive the parent company's financial worries," said Andrew Hughes, a retail-sector analyst at Nomura Securities Co.
Next's chairman, Lord Wolfson of Sunningdale, said, "Whilst we expect the retail environment to remain difficult for much of the year ahead, trade is improving and we believe that we can continue to show further progress."
He said that since Feb. 1 department store sales were about 7 percent ahead of last year, with the group's Next Directory catalogue operation about 3 percent ahead.
Next expanded rapidly in the mid-1980s, branching out from its beginnings as a retailer of women's wear to offer men's clothing, cosmetics and home furnishings. There came department stores, hairdressing salons, and even cafés. But by 1989 the group was forced to slim down sharply after debt levels grew and retail sales suffered in the recession.
Next sold its Grattan mail-order business in February 1991 for £167.5 million, closed unprofitable stores and cut staff by about 400 in its store and catalogue businesses. It also withdrew from property development and disposed of some of its overseas manufacturing businesses.
The group now has 312 stores, down 8 percent, with selling space down 7 percent to 943,000 square feet (88,000 square meters).

Investor's Europe

Table showing stock market indices for Frankfurt (DAX), London (FTSE 100 Index), and Paris (CAC 40) with daily and weekly closing figures and percentage changes.

Very briefly:

- Banque Indosuez, Banque Française du Commerce Extérieur and Banque Nationale de Paris signed a \$20 million credit to finance Vietnam's first purchase of Western aircraft, two mid-sized ATR planes from the French-Italian Avions de Transport Régional venture.
- Braathens South-American & Far East Airtransport A/S, the Norwegian airline, said it was leasing three of its Boeing 737-500 short- to medium-range aircraft to Xiamen Airlines Ltd. of China for seven and a half years for \$65 million.
- Waterford Wedgwood PLC said its 1991 pretax loss narrowed sharply, to 2.7 million Irish punts (\$4.4 million) from 21.4 million punts in 1990, largely because of lower charges for exceptional items, but it said markets for crystal and china were still being hurt by recession.
- Commerzbank AG said group operating profit rose 70 percent in the first two months of 1992; the bank, providing more detailed earnings statistics, said group operating profit rose 33.5 percent in 1991, to 1.83 billion Deutsche marks (\$1.13 billion).
- Japan Automobile Manufacturers Association officials will meet their counterparts from the U.K. Society of Motor Manufacturers in London on Thursday to discuss voluntary restrictions on Japanese auto exports to the United Kingdom, an official of the Japanese group said.
- The European Parliament called for a 20 percent cut next year in subsidies for European Community grain farmers; the EC Commission had proposed slashing subsidies by 35 percent over three years.
- Malev Hungarian Airlines has begun talks with five carriers that have expressed an interest in taking an equity stake in the national airline, an official said; he confirmed press reports that KLM Royal Dutch Airlines was one of the carriers, but he declined to identify the others.
- The European Commission has adopted new rules to tighten control on banks that are part of multinational groups, the EC Commission said; the rules fill a gap in EC banking law highlighted by the liquidation last year of the Bank of Commerce & Credit International for alleged fraud.

SLIDE: Bad News From Germany

(Continued from first finance page)
cent last year, is now down to 4.7 percent.
But against this trend, German inflation has been rising, to 4.3 percent from 2.7 percent in 1990 and 5.5 percent last year. Fueled by high reunification costs, this trend has alarmed Germany's central bank, the Bundesbank.
In December, to cool inflationary pressure, the Bundesbank raised its two key interest rates — the discount rate to 8 percent and the short-term Lombard rate to 9.75 percent. Most of the rest of Europe reluctantly followed suit and has waited since then for a sign that German rates may come down.
Recent signals have not been encouraging. "I see interest rates remaining relatively high for the next year and no really visible improvement in the European economy until 1993," said Norbert Walter, the chief economist for Deutsche Bank.
Germany's inflation has several sources, among them wage demands from the country's powerful labor unions. The four-million-member public-sector union is threatening a strike to secure pay increases of 9.5 percent. The government has offered 3.5 percent.
More fundamental, in the view of many analysts, is the absorption of Eastern Germany. Unification initially set off a boom driven by consumption and investment.
But this expansion has now dried up, and the costs are becoming apparent. Net transfers from Bonn to the east are expected to total about \$112.5 billion this year.
"It's a fact that we're now a dampener on European growth, but we accept that we're paying the cost for unification," said Michael Zapf, the managing director of Bank Julius Baer in Germany.
"The question is: do you want built-in inflation or a little bit of pain to prevent this? Over the longer term," Mr. Zapf said, "Europe will benefit from our current attack on inflation."
For now, the rest of Europe must live with the uncharacteristic problem of a Germany battling budget deficits and inflation while its economy is temporarily stalled.
As one result, a country like France — where inflation, at 3 percent, has been tamed — has been obliged to maintain interest rates of close to 10 percent, a cost of money bound to hold growth in check.
"The European outlook is mediocre because with real interest rates so high, the investment required for a rebound will not be stimulated."

Elsevier Seeks Purchases

(Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches)
AMSTERDAM — Elsevier NV plans to spend at least 100 million guilders (\$54 million) on acquisitions this year, but suitable purchase are becoming hard to find, Chairman Pierre Vinken said Tuesday.
The Dutch publisher, which has 642 million guilders cash and expects operating profit to rise 15 percent this year, said it was still in an acquisitive mood. But "it is more difficult than in previous years to find suitable acquisitions at the top of the pyramid," Mr. Vinken said at a news conference where he presented the 1991 annual report.
Elsevier is talking with 10 to 20 companies that may come up for sale, he said, but after buying Pergamon Press of Britain last May for \$447 million (\$782 million), it is in no hurry to make a big purchase soon.
Mr. Vinken said Elsevier intended to pursue its strategy of concentrating on highly profitable acquisitions with a strong position in their markets. He said acquisitions would most likely be in the United States or Britain.

LIRA: A Silver Lining?

(Continued from first finance page)
ment's total debt exceeds its gross national product, and it will spend 160 trillion lire more than it earns this year — a large portion of it wasted on the political pork barrel.
The weekend's vote was the most resounding "no" that this system has heard since the war, and many seemed to think that it could plant the seeds of change.
"The party menenkatura has been beaten," exulted Eugenio Scalfari, editor of the nation's largest daily, La Repubblica in an editorial. "I'm certain that this has been a good day for our country."

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- 1. Reports of the Board of Directors and of the Auditor.
2. Approval of the financial statements as of December 31, 1991.
3. Acceptance of the Directors recommendation to pay a dividend for the year ended December 31, 1991.
4. Discharge of the Directors and of the Auditor in respect of the carrying out of their duties during the fiscal year ended December 31, 1991.
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- 1. Reports of the Board of Directors and of the Auditor.
2. Approval of the financial statements as of December 31, 1991.
3. Declaration of a cash dividend.
4. Discharge of the Directors and of the Auditor in respect of the carrying out of their duties during the fiscal year ended December 31, 1991.
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ASIA/PACIFIC

Chinese Shipper Adds Hong Kong Link

By Laurence Zuckerman International Herald Tribune

HONG KONG — A state-owned Chinese shipping company said Tuesday that it would acquire 15 percent of Hong Kong's second-largest container-port operator for \$100 million (\$175 million), a move aimed at giving the Chinese company a stronger hand in transportation links between Hong Kong and southern China.

China Merchants Holdings Co., one of the largest and oldest Chinese companies in the colony, is acquiring 9 percent of Modern Terminals Ltd. from Peninsula & Oriental Steam Navigation Co. and an additional 6 percent from the Commonwealth Development Corp.

The passing of shares from a British state company to a Chinese state company is emblematic of the shift toward Beijing as businesses with large assets in the colony attempt to reduce their risk after the colony is returned to the mainland in 1997.

In recent years, Chinese interests have acquired substantial minority stakes in Cathay Pacific Airways, the colony's flag carrier; Hong Kong Telecom, its monopoly telephone company; and Hong Kong International Terminals Ltd., the colony's other major container terminal operator.

In P&O's case, however, the London-based company is planning a significant expansion of its operations in the region.

Lord Sterling, chairman and chief executive of P&O, said the sale, for which it received \$55 million, coincided with the establishment next month of P&O Asia Ltd., a Hong Kong-based subsidiary.

He said the deal, which reduces P&O's share in Modern Terminals to 14 percent, paves the way for P&O to make the transition

P&O, seeking an active Asian role, is selling a passive stake in Modern Terminals to China Merchants Holdings.

from being a passive investor in Modern Terminals to taking a more active part in Asia's fast-growing economies.

P&O ships were calling on Hong Kong before it was a colony, he said, making clear his intention to regain the company's past glory.

"We're going back to what we used to be a proper Hong Kong, if you like," Lord Sterling said, using the colloquial Chinese term for the colony's giant expatriate conglomerates.

much it would spend on its Asian expansion. Commonwealth Development, a British government-funded development agency that was one of the founding investors in Modern Terminals in the early 1970s, received \$45 million for its stake, ending its association with the company.

Modern Terminals handles 38 percent of the cargo that passes through Hong Kong's Kwai Chung container terminal, one of the busiest in the world. China Merchant's acquisition makes it the third-largest shareholder in an international consortium that includes Jebsen Co. of Germany; Maersk of Denmark; Wharf Holdings, Swire Pacific and the Kadoorie family of Hong Kong, and Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corp.

Mark Leese, managing director of Modern Terminals, said the move by China Merchant made sense now that more and more cargo was moving through Hong Kong from southern China, where many Hong Kong manufacturers have shifted their operations over the past decade.

"It's something the company has been working toward for several years," he said of the deal. "We welcome the opportunity to work with them in the future."

Mr. Leese said the two companies were exploring the possibility of setting up a bridge service that would transport cargo between the port of Shekou in the Shenzhen special economic zone to Hong Kong, thereby avoiding the heavily congested truck route.

Steady Economy Seen Under New Thai Leader

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

BANGKOK — The Thai economy is likely to remain robust under the new prime minister. General Suchinda Kraprayoon, despite strong opposition to the leader from pro-democracy activists, businessmen and analysts said Tuesday.

General Suchinda, the military commander who was named prime minister late Tuesday, is expected to try to calm criticism by retaining popular policies initiated by his predecessor, Anand Panyarachun, analysts said.

"He will survive protests," said Chairmanong Kiataramessap, chief executive of the consulting firm CSN & Associates Ltd.

General Suchinda is regarded as the architect of a coup that overthrew an elected civilian government last year. He was a candidate for prime minister by a coalition of five pro-military parties that emerged from the March elections.

Mr. Chairmanong said opposition to General Suchinda, which centers on the fact that he is not an elected member of the legislature, should fade within a week, without damaging the investment climate.

Thai stocks rallied Tuesday, in anticipation of the appointment, with the SET index gaining 5.77 points, to 832.39.

Vorast Pokachaiyapat, vice president of the investment consultant Finansa Thai Ltd., said that under General Suchinda, Thai economic growth, projected at 8.4 percent this year, "will keep its momentum as Thai bureaucrats and technocrats will remain the backbone of formulating and implementing economic policies."

Merrill Lynch said in a report, however, that "the danger is that a coalition government seeking to shore up its position will probably set aside concerns about inflation and the external deficit in favor of faster economic growth."

(Reuters, AP)

Unicord Cancels Plant

Unicord Co., one of the world's largest tuna processors, said it has canceled a plan to establish a \$75 million tuna cannery facility in Cuxhaven, Germany, because of high import tariffs, Bloomberg Business News reported from Bangkok.

Bangkok-based Unicord, which is the parent of Bumble Bee Seafood Inc., said the German government had promised an import duty waiver on frozen tuna, but that other European Community members had said such a move would hurt local tuna companies.

He said he was told in recent trips to Europe and Japan that most foreign investors would accept General Suchinda on the grounds that the Thai constitution does not bar a non-elected member of parliament from heading the government.

Hong Kong/China Trade Lifts Taiwan Surplus

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

TAIPEI — Taiwan's trade surplus jumped sharply in the first quarter of 1992 because of its growing exports to China through Hong Kong, officials and economists said on Tuesday.

The surplus soared 55.8 percent to \$2.57 billion for the first three months of 1992 compared with the corresponding period in 1991, according to the Finance Ministry.

"Our trade surplus came mainly from our trade with Hong Kong," said Chiang Ping-kun, the vice economy minister.

Hong Kong is the transshipment center for Taiwan products to China. Taipei still bans direct trade with Beijing.

Taiwan's exports to the United States also grew considerably in the first quarter of 1992 from a year earlier, a senior Finance Ministry official said.

Total exports increased 13.5 percent to \$19.1 billion between January and March from a year earlier, while imports rose only 8.9 percent to \$16.53 billion in the period.

Taiwan's exports to Hong Kong grew almost 30 percent during the period, the Finance Ministry official said.

"We can see our trade surplus

with Hong Kong rising faster this year than in 1991," he said.

Taiwan last year had a record trade surplus with the British colony of \$10.5 billion on total trade of \$14.38 billion, up from \$7.1 billion on total trade of \$10 billion in 1990.

Taiwan also had a record surplus of \$3.6 billion with China on total trade of \$5.8 billion last year, up from \$2.51 billion on total trade of \$4.04 billion in 1990.

Taiwan's long-standing trade deficit with Japan surged 21.9 percent to \$2.53 billion in the January-March period.

For March alone, Japan sold \$1.7 billion worth of products to Taiwan, or 29.9 percent of Taiwan's total imports in the month.

The official Board of Foreign Trade has estimated Taiwan's trade surplus at \$11.8 billion for 1992, down from last year's \$13.3 billion.

(Reuters, AFP)

China Allows a Private Air Service

Reuters

BEIJING — A group of farmers from the eastern province of Zhejiang has started China's first privately run air service, officials said Tuesday.

The farmers, from Cangnan county, signed a one-year contract Sunday with government-run Nanjing United Airlines to provide twice-weekly service between Shanghai and Wenzhou, in Zhejiang.

The farmers, calling themselves Cangnan Sky Dragon Charter Airline Co., will sell seats on a 52-passenger, Chinese-made Ym 7-100 plane for 150 yuan (\$28) each. They will pay Nanjing United a fee equal to 82 percent of capacity; anything above that level they can keep as profit.

An earlier foray by the farmers into chartering planes ran into bureaucratic trouble. Last July they rented a Russian-made airplane to fly between Wenzhou and Changsha, in Hunan province. But they had to stop March 25 when the plane was transferred elsewhere by the regional state-run carrier, which owned it.

Japan Car Imports Slump

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

TOKYO — Sales of foreign cars in Japan fell 21.7 percent from a year earlier to 17,149 units in March, the Japan Automobile Importers' association said Tuesday.

The trade group also reported a fall of 11.4 percent in new foreign car registrations for the financial year ended March 31. In that period, Japanese registrations for all cars declined 3.8 percent, reflecting Japan's economic slump.

In the monthly figures, U.S.-made cars accounted for 3,071 units, up 7.3 percent from March 1991, while British cars dropped 12 percent to 1,381 units. Sales of German cars were 10,339, down 26.8 percent and sales of French cars fell 53 percent to 686 units.

The number of new foreign car registrations in the financial year came to 191,991 vehicles, down 24,783 units from the previous year. The decrease was the first in nine years.

Sales of U.S.-made cars during the year were an exception to the downward trend, increasing 2.1 percent.

(UPI, AFP, Bloomberg)

Investor's Asia table with line graphs for Hong Kong Hang Seng, Singapore Straits Times, and Tokyo Nikkei 225. Includes exchange rates and market indices for various regions.

Very briefly: Australia launched its 1 kilogram (2.2 pound) silver coin, the Kookaburra, with initial orders near 20 tons for the 100-millimeter diameter (3.89-inch) coin, worth about \$192 based on the price of silver and a premium. Nine Japanese commercial banks followed the lead of Mitsubishi Bank Ltd. and Fuji Bank Ltd. in cutting their short-term prime rates by five-eighths of a point to 5.25 percent, effective Friday. Tata Iron and Steel Co. of India said it had won government approval for a Eurodollar issue worth \$100 million, in the form of international depositary receipts, to finance expansion plans. China's Guangdong province landed more than 1,000 contracts worth a total of \$3 billion for foreign investment during the seven-day Guangdong Fair '92 that closed Monday in Hong Kong, the organizer said. The Shenzhen stock exchange will offer foreign brokers seats so they can directly trade the "B" shares that are reserved for foreigners, the China News Agency said.

Li 'Not Negotiating' on O&Y Assets

HONG KONG — Li Ka-shing is not actively negotiating to buy assets from the ailing North real estate giant Olympia & York Developments Ltd., a spokeswoman for the Hong Kong tycoon said Tuesday. "As far as I know there have been no negotiations," said the official at Cheung Kong (Holdings) Mr. Li's flagship investment vehicle. "In fact, Mr. Li does not have any motive to buy anything from Olympia & York." Mr. Li has said that he is "interested" in Olympia & York's assets. But the spokeswoman said: "He is just protecting himself in case something very cheap and very nice did come up."

Large table of international fund listings under the heading 'INTERNATIONAL FUNDS' dated April 7, 1992. Lists various fund names, their categories, and performance metrics.

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SPORTS NCAA FINAL

Duke Does It Again, Winning Its 2d Straight College Basketball Title



Duke's Christian Laettner had the upper hand against Chris Webber, as Michigan wilted in the final.

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1992 — Indiana 65, Kansas 42; 1991 — Wisconsin 56, Washington State 54; 1990 — Stanford 53, Dartmouth 31...

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1992 — Marvin Huffman, Indiana; 1991 — John Katz, Wisconsin; 1990 — Howie Doolittle, Stanford; 1989 — Ken Sobers, Wyoming...

Blue Devils Tounce Wolverines, 71-51

By Steve Berkowitz Washington Post Service

MINNEAPOLIS — Say it again because Duke has done it again. The Blue Devils became the first team to repeat as national college basketball champions in 19 years...

Michigan's problems continued to mount. Jimmy King missed a three-pointer, and Webber committed his fourth foul with 5:17 remaining...

Championship Box Score

Table with columns for Player, Min, FG, FT, Reb, A, PF, Pts. Lists stats for Michigan and Duke players.

Arazi Masters His '92 Debut, Cruising to 5-Length Victory

By Ian Thomson International Herald Tribune

ST. CLOUD, France — Allen Paulson stood on a stage overlooking a pond of unfamiliar faces...

and his jockey, Pat Valenzuela, passed through the crowd as if the other jockeys were riding unicycles. No one was sure what the horse was about until that day...

SIDELINES IAAF Krabbe Ruling Likely in May

STOCKHOLM (Reuters) — The International Amateur Athletic Federation council is likely to decide late next month whether to submit the Katrin Krabbe doping case to its arbitration panel...

For the Record

National Hockey League owners delivered a new contract proposal to the striking NHL Players Association on Tuesday, but no details of the plan were disclosed.

Price of Winning at Any Cost

International Herald Tribune

LONDON — Graeme Souness, one of the nouveau riche young combatants of soccer management, underwent heart bypass surgery on Tuesday.

Liverpool a replay oct Moody, and a chance to reach the final on May 9. But on the homework journey Souness took his team to a restaurant, and told them he would not be with them.

SCOREBOARD

Table with columns for Baseball, Major League Standings, and National League. Lists team names and scores.

Monday's Line Scores

Table with columns for American League, National League, and Baseball. Lists team names and scores.

TRANSACTIONS

DETROIT — Orioles' John Kiley, pitcher, to Toledo, L. Orioles' Rich Rowland, catcher, and Steve Curnutt, pitcher, to Toledo...

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OBSERVER

Vintage Year for Farce

By Russell Baker
NEW YORK — Has there ever been a richer year for political farce? Well, maybe 1948. That was the year the Democrats went to Philadelphia and tried nominating everybody but their own president in an effort to avoid defeat by the invincible Thomas E. Dewey.

raging public beast, if radio talk shows and wise old political reporters can be believed (admittedly a huge "if"), is steaming about congressional practices that cost the public nothing, but it is nuth to the squalid savings and loan scandal costing the nation billions.

On Bosphorus, Boom-Box BMWs

By Blaine Harden

ISTANBUL — They preen on Sunday afternoons beside the Bosphorus in BMWs that tremble with the power of four bawling stereo speakers mounted behind the back seat.



The urban explosion has gone hand-in-glove with a blatantly unequal distribution of wealth. The Economist says Turkey's richest 20 percent skim off more of the country's total wealth than any upper class in Europe.

"My mission is to duel" with these maganda "who prey on a schizophrenic society," said Gunduz, 37, who was born in Istanbul, grew up in New York and returned to Turkey 11 years ago.

Until Ozal's party was defeated last fall, Gunduz's music was banned in Turkey. His songs do not mention words, one of them, the title of which translates as "We Up the Creek."

"The singer said his music, which describes and damns the nouveau riches, gives the average Turk a fighting chance against the predators of the maganda. The market for what Gunduz is selling appears strong; his concerts are sold out, and more than a quarter-million of his cassette tapes are in circulation.

Boesky Seeks Alimony

Ivan F. Boesky, the showy speculator who came to symbolize '80s excess, has not lost his taste for the good life. In divorce proceedings, he is seeking \$1 million a year in temporary alimony from his wife, Seema. His papers filed in the case, Boesky said his plea for help was "embarrassing and painful."

A psychoanalyst suing the writer Janet Malcolm for allegedly fabricating quotes in an article in The New Yorker may also sue the magazine, a federal appeals court ruled in San Francisco. Jeffrey Masson, former director of the Freud Archives, claims a \$10 million libel suit against Malcolm that she paid out of her own pocket.

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